

No. 25-2098

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

**J.O.P, et al.
Plaintiffs-Appellees,**

v.

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.,
Defendants-Appellants.**

**ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
District Court Case No. 8:19-cv-01944**

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPEARANCE

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Pursuant to Local Rule 46(c), Defendants-Appellants hereby move to withdraw the appearance of Erhan Bedestani as counsel for Defendants-Appellants. Good cause supports this request, as Mr. Bedestani's last day of employment with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Immigration Litigation is October 17, 2025. Defendants-Appellants continue to be represented by other counsel in this matter.

Per Local Rule 27(a), Defendants-Appellants certify that counsel for the Parties have conferred on the intended filing of this motion, and Plaintiffs-Appellees do not object to the motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(2)(A), I certify that the foregoing was prepared using 14-point Times New Roman type, is proportionally spaced and contains less than 5,200 words, exclusive of the tables of contents and citations, and certificates of counsel.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 15, 2025, I filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by using the Court's CM/ECF System. I further certify that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished through that system.

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